

House Resolution 118 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES
1 3 (SUCCESSOR TO HSB 727)
1 4 A Resolution requesting the legislative council to
1 5 authorize a study committee for the 2008 interim to
1 6 review Iowa's system of mental health patient
1 7 advocates appointed by the courts.
1 8 WHEREAS, the mental health patient advocates
1 9 appointed by the courts provide a valuable service in
1 10 providing a competent, independent review to the court
1 11 of the situations of patients hospitalized with a
1 12 mental illness or serious mental impairment; and
1 13 WHEREAS, the patient advocates are primarily
1 14 appointed by the chief judge of each judicial district
1 15 while the costs for an advocate are paid by the
1 16 patient's county of legal settlement and questions
1 17 have been raised as to whether this is the best
1 18 approach for funding and supporting the patient
1 19 advocates; NOW THEREFORE,
1 20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
1 21 That the legislative council is requested to authorize
1 22 a study committee for the 2008 interim to review the
1 23 system for mental health patient advocates in order to
1 24 provide recommendations for the best means for funding
1 25 and supporting the system.
1 26 LSB 6360HV 82
1 27 jp/rj/8